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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5256

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5256 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Higher Education Student Assistance Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 65.95 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 947/65.95 new)

7 Sec. 65.95. General Assembly scholarships.

8 (a) Beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year, the  
9 Commission shall, each year, award scholarship assistance  
10 under this Section. A total of 8 scholarships per  
11 representative district shall be awarded each year. An  
12 applicant is eligible for a scholarship under this Section if  
13 the applicant meets all of the following qualifications:

14 (1) He or she is a United States citizen or eligible  
15 noncitizen.

16 (2) He or she is a resident of the representative

1 district for which a scholarship is to be awarded.

2 (3) He or she is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at  
3 a public university in this State.

4 (b) The Commission shall create a board to select  
5 recipients of scholarships under this Section. Each public  
6 university shall appoint one member to the board, and the  
7 Executive Director of the Commission or his or her designee  
8 shall serve as chairperson of the board. Recipients shall be  
9 selected from among applicants qualified pursuant to  
10 subsection (a) of this Section based on criteria set forth by  
11 the board. Preference may be given to previous recipients of  
12 assistance under this Section, provided they continue to  
13 maintain eligibility and maintain satisfactory academic  
14 progress as determined by the public university at which they  
15 enroll. Once the board has selected scholarship recipients for  
16 a given academic year, the board shall forward the applications  
17 and any supporting documents of those selected to the  
18 Commission for the awarding of scholarships.

19 (c) Each scholarship awarded under this Section shall be in  
20 an amount sufficient to pay the tuition and fees of the public  
21 university at which the recipient is enrolled.

22 (d) The total amount of scholarship assistance awarded by  
23 the Commission under this Section to an individual in any given  
24 fiscal year, when added to other financial assistance awarded  
25 to that individual for that year, shall not exceed the cost of  
26 attendance at the public university at which the student is

1 enrolled.

2 (e) A recipient may receive up to 8 semesters of  
3 scholarship assistance under this Section.

4 (f) All applications for scholarship assistance to be  
5 awarded under this Section shall be made to the State  
6 representative or State senator who represents the territory  
7 where the recipient resides. The State representative or State  
8 senator shall choose which applications to forward to the board  
9 created under subsection (b) of this Section. The application  
10 shall be in a form as set forth by the Commission. The form of  
11 application and the information required to be set forth in the  
12 application shall be determined by the Commission, and the  
13 Commission shall require eligible applicants to submit with  
14 their applications such supporting documents as the Commission  
15 deems necessary.

16 (g) Subject to a separate appropriation made for such  
17 purposes, payment of any scholarship awarded under this Section  
18 shall be determined by the Commission. All scholarship funds  
19 distributed in accordance with this Section shall be paid to  
20 the public university on behalf of the recipients. Scholarship  
21 funds are applicable toward 2 semesters of enrollment within an  
22 academic year.

23 (h) The Commission shall administer the scholarship  
24 program established by this Section and shall make all  
25 necessary and proper rules not inconsistent with this Section  
26 for its effective implementation."